

SENATOR LANDIS: Having been recognized for the closing, and having taken it for the purpose of adjournment, I believe the Chair has already once recognized Senator Lamb for the closing and we are now to proceed to a vote. He was called on, he had the floor, he took it to adjourn, and that was his closing. I think we proceed now to a vote on the bill, on the bracket motion.

PRESIDENT: The Chair will recognize Senator Lamb to close.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members, I don't...well, I might as well tell you right now I'm going to withdraw the motion in a few minutes. I could have, had I wanted to delay this as many of you know who are familiar with rules, put up about 100 amendments on there. But that is not my style and I did not care to do that. I did not like to see it pass across on Select File last Friday when there were not many people here because I had a couple of points I wanted to make. One point I would like to make at this time is that this is, of course, special legislation for a special group and we do that all the time. But I just wanted to call to the attention of the body that this is special legislation for one particular city. We've already done that for Omaha, and I understand that that sets somewhat of a precedent. I would also like to make the point that in the case of Lincoln, I like to call Lincoln the truly all Nebraska city. We have awards given around the state to various communities and cities, all Nebraska cities. But I see Lincoln as being the all Nebraska city, in its truest sense because, primarily, it has the University here and it has state government here. We have, of course, people from all over the state coming to Lincoln, buying the goods that are offered here and thereby contributing to the coffers of Lincoln. We have the University students here and they spend a lot of money here, and state government draws a number of people to Lincoln and they also spend a lot of money here. So the argument that the people of Lincoln will vote on the city sales tax to decide whether to tax themselves is really not completely valid because much of the tax revenue that flows into this city comes from all over the state. So we here have a bill which is designed as special legislation for a special city, but it does affect everyone in the state. There is also a feeling, among many of us, that if this bill does pass, which I'm sure it will, that the City of Lincoln will, of course, have shifted from